

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. 1. A method for managing an accommodation supply chain utilizing a network,
2 comprising:
 - 3 a) receiving data from a plurality of accommodation outlets of an accommodation
4 supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of accommodation
5 products and services by the accommodation outlets;
 - 6 b) generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering
7 accommodation products and services from an accommodation distributor of the
8 accommodation supply chain;
 - 9 c) transmitting the data to the accommodation distributor of the accommodation
10 supply chain utilizing the network;
 - 11 d) transmitting the data to an accommodation supplier of the accommodation supply
12 chain utilizing the network; and
 - 13 e) forecasting activity in the accommodation supply chain utilizing the data.
1. 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of
2 accommodation distributors and accommodation suppliers.

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1. 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the data is made accessible to the accommodation
2 outlets, the accommodation distributor, the accommodation supplier via a
3 network-based interface.
1. 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the data is accessible to the accommodation
2 distributor and the accommodation supplier only after verification of an identity
3 thereof.
1. 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the accommodation outlets, the accommodation
2 distributor, and the accommodation supplier each forecast utilizing the data.

1 7. A system for managing an accommodation supply chain utilizing a network,
2 comprising:
3 a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of accommodation outlets of an
4 accommodation supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of
5 accommodation products and services by the accommodation outlets;
6 b) logic for generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering
7 accommodation products and services from an accommodation distributor of the
8 accommodation supply chain;
9 c) logic for transmitting the data to the accommodation distributor of the
10 accommodation supply chain utilizing the network;
11 d) logic for transmitting the data to an accommodation supplier of the
12 accommodation supply chain utilizing the network; and
13 e) logic for forecasting activity in the accommodation supply chain utilizing the
14 data.

1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of
2 accommodation distributors and accommodation suppliers.

1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the data is made accessible to the accommodation
2 outlets, the accommodation distributor, the accommodation supplier via a
3 network-based interface.

1 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the data is accessible to the accommodation
2 distributor and the accommodation supplier only after verification of an identity
3 thereof.

1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.

- 1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the accommodation outlets, the accommodation
2 distributor, and the accommodation supplier each forecast utilizing the data.
 - 1 13. A computer program product for managing an accommodation supply chain
2 utilizing a network, comprising:
 - 3 a) computer code for receiving data from a plurality of accommodation outlets of an
4 accommodation supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of
5 accommodation products and services by the accommodation outlets;
 - 6 b) computer code for generating an electronic order form based on the data for
7 ordering accommodation products and services from an accommodation
8 distributor of the accommodation supply chain;
 - 9 c) computer code for transmitting the data to the accommodation distributor of the
10 accommodation supply chain utilizing the network;
 - 11 d) computer code for transmitting the data to an accommodation supplier of the
12 accommodation supply chain utilizing the network; and
 - 13 e) computer code for forecasting activity in the accommodation supply chain
14 utilizing the data.
 - 1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is parsed to match
2 each of a plurality of accommodation distributors and accommodation suppliers.
 - 1 15. The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the data is made accessible
2 to the accommodation outlets, the accommodation distributor, the accommodation
3 supplier via a network-based interface.
 - 1 16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the data is accessible to the
2 accommodation distributor and the accommodation supplier only after
3 verification of an identity thereof.
 - 1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the
2 Internet.

- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the accommodation outlets,
- 2 the accommodation distributor, and the accommodation supplier each forecast
- 3 utilizing the data.